

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK (PPW) MARCH 15-21, 2009

CLASSROOM PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE

- **Information for you to review before your presentation:** *National PPW Editor's Fact Sheet*, and *The Most Dangerous Poisons For Children*.
- **Document to send home (1 copy for each child):** *Preventing Accidental Poisonings in Children*.
- **PPW DVD:** make sure the teacher has a DVD player and monitor ready for you.
- **Mr. Yuk stickers/magnets and other materials:** have 1 for each student plus a few extras. Materials vary year to year depending on availability.
- **Miscellaneous supplies:** sample products from home to use for “show and tell”
- **A Positive Attitude:** this is very important information but please have FUN presenting it.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATION FORMAT

- **Note:** A PPW notice will be mailed (via postcard) to all elementary schools in February.
- **Introduction:** (2 minutes) Teacher introduces you to the class. Briefly tell the students who you are and why you are there.
- **What is a POISON?** (5 minutes) “Does anyone know what a poison is?” Take 3-5 answers at random and then explain that anything can be a poison. Ask if they have younger siblings or pets at home and why it's important to know what to do in an emergency.
- **DVD:** *STOP! Ask First!* (6.5 minutes), produced by the NY State Poison Control Centers & Univ. of Albany School of Public Health (2007) and is appropriate for grades K-3.
- **Questions, Discussion, and “Show and Tell”:** (10 - 15 minutes) Review important points from the DVD, solicit questions, and do a “show and tell” with various household products (e.g., medications, cleaners, pesticides, etc.).
- **PPW Take Home Packet:** *** **Be sure to set this up with the teacher ahead of time***** Explain that their teacher will give them a packet of information (brochures, printouts, and Mr. Yuk stickers/magnets) to take home. Some of the teachers prefer to send this information in the “Friday Folders”. Encourage the students to share this information with their parents, grandparents, and brothers and sisters.

- **Thank You's:** Be sure to thank the teachers and students for the opportunity to share this information with them.

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